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Torrance Announces Participants of the 2011 Students & Government Day

Torrance, Calif., April 28, 2011 – The City of Torrance has selected participants for the 2011 Students & Government Day. Twenty-two 8th grade students from Torrance middle schools were chosen from close to a thousand essays received this year. Students were asked to address the prompt, “*Students can make a difference in their community. Develop one new civic project that would involve Torrance students and describe how it would benefit the Torrance community.*”

On Tuesday, May 3, 2011, the selected students will engage in various activities including shadowing the mayor, council members and executive staff in their jobs. The day will culminate at the regularly-scheduled City Council meeting that evening at 7 p.m. wherein the students, in their respective roles, will conduct some official business for the City. This year’s participants include:

Angela Choy, *Madrona Middle School*

Jessy Ahn, *Jefferson Middle School*

Natalie Tice, *First Lutheran School*

Alexander Arucan, *St. James School*

Hannah Anderson, *Magruder Middle School*

Kithumini Jayasiri, *Bert Lynn Middle School*

David Snowiss, *Calle Mayor Middle School*

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Madison Espinoza, *Hull Middle School*
Ashley Ross, *Hull Middle School*
Kyle Nishimura, *Richardson Middle School*
Tianalese McCracken, *Jefferson Middle School*
Malina Maeda, *Calle Mayor Middle School*
Melanie Nomiya, *Casimir Middle School*
Guy Torres, *Hull Middle School*
Emily Hemingway, *Riviera Hall Lutheran School*
Brad Barrington, *Madrona Middle School*
Ian May, *St. Catherine Laboure School*
Anne Park, *Calle Mayor Middle School*
Kayla Cabaron, *Magruder Middle School*
Zarlasht Baschshi, *Madrona Middle School*
Christian Nakada, *Magruder Middle School*
Matt Bissonnette, *Calle Mayor Middle School*

This is the fifth year the City of Torrance is hosting Students and Government Day. The program hopes to encourage youth participation in community affairs. Since its inception, past program participants have become involved in civic affairs, joining the City's Youth Council and expressing interest in public sector careers.

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